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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Kevin Schubert

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 August 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 01 August 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-28 have been considered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-12 and 15-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Linden, U.S. Patent No. 6,360,254.

As per claims 1 and 15, the applicant describes a method of adjusting, for a requester of information, at least one selection criterion, comprising:

- a) receiving a request for information from the requester (Col 1, lines 41-45);
- b) determining if a token is associated with the requester (Col 6, lines 51-61);
- c) if a token is associated with the requester, adjusting the at least one information selection criterion usable to identify information corresponding to the requester based on the token (Col 6, lines 51-61);

The applicant describes a method for a requester accessing private resources upon the requester being verified as having a proper security token. As described by the applicant, the requester can be a "network-attached personal computer" (Specification page 4).

Linden describes a system whereby a network-attached personal computer requests access to a private resource, such as a private Web page or a data record. Figure 2, shows an embodiment of the invention in which a user requests information from a Web site. As shown in

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Fig 1, if the Web site determines that the user is associated with a valid access token that has not expired (60 of Fig 1), the Web Site sends the user an email with a hypertext link to a private resource (72 and 74 of Fig 2). The at least one selection criterion are the hypertext links which are sent to the applicant, based on his ID. Thus, the selection criterion are adjusted as to whether the applicant can access private resources and which private resources the applicant can access. The hypertext links contain access tokens which are used to gain access to the particular resources:

As per claims 2 and 16, the applicant describes the method of claims 1 and 15, which are met by Linden (see above), with the following limitation which is also met by Linden:

Further comprising providing the identified information to the requester (Col 4, lines 19-29; Fig 2);

As per claims 3 and 17, the applicant describes the method of claims 2 and 16, which are met by Linden (see above), with the following limitation which is also met by Linden:

Wherein providing the identified information includes providing interaction information to the requester (Col 4, lines 19-29; Fig 2);

The applicant should note that the interaction information is the hypertext link to the requested source which the applicant can click.

As per claims 4 and 18, the applicant describes the method of claims 3 and 17, which are met by Linden (see above), with the following limitation which is also met by Linden:

Wherein the interaction information relates to potential interaction with an issuer of the token (Col 4, lines 19-24);

The applicant should note that the resources which the Web Site server or issuer of the token send the user are private resources such as private Web Sites or data records. The private resources are associated with the Web Site server.

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As per claims 5 and 19, the applicant describes the method of claims 3 and 17, which are met by Linden (see above), with the following limitation which is also met by Linden:

Wherein the interaction information includes at least one of visibility information, accessibility information, and continuity information (Col 4, lines 25-29);

The applicant should note that the interaction information includes all three. Visibility information is in the form of email messages which the user can read, accessibility information is in the form of Web pages the user can access, and continuity information is in the form of information regarding past interactions between the user and the Web site server (Col 11, lines 42-48).

As per claims 6 and 20, the applicant describes the method of claims 5 and 19, which are met by Linden (see above), with the following limitation which is also met by Linden:

Wherein the accessibility information includes at least one hypertext link associated with an issuer of the token (Col 4, lines 25-29).

As per claims 7 and 21, the applicant describes the method of claims 5 and 19, which are met by Linden (see above), with the following limitation which is also met by Linden:

Wherein the continuity information relates to past interactions between the requester and an issuer of the token (Col 11, lines 42-48);

The lines referenced above describe a particular embodiment of Linden's invention in which a client logs onto the Web site server to place an order for goods. Once the order has been placed, the client is sent a hypertext link to a private URL to confirm the order along with a description of the goods ordered by the client. The description of the goods ordered by the client represents continuity data of past interaction between the client and the Web site server.

As per claims 8 and 22, the applicant describes the method of claims 5 and 19, which are met by Linden (see above), with the following limitation which is also met by Linden:

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Further comprising presenting the interaction information to the requester as an interaction space (Col 4, lines 25-29);

As per claims 9 and 23, the applicant describes the method of claims 8 and 22, which are met by Linden (see above), with the following limitation which is also met by Linden:

Further comprising displaying the interaction space to the requester on a web-enabled device (Col 4, lines 25-29);

As per claims 10 and 26, the applicant describes the method of claims 1 and 15, which are met by Linden (see above), with the following limitation which is also met by Linden:

Wherein determining if a token is associated with the requester comprises obtaining a token associated with the requester from a data source if the token exists (Col 6, lines 23-32);

Figure 1 visually illustrates the private data record database (42) and entries (60) which contain token information, ID, and a time stamp to determine whether a token has expired.

As per claims 11 and 24, the applicant describes the method of claims 10 and 15, which are met by Linden (see above), with the following limitation which is also met by Linden:

Further comprising obtaining an expiration date of the token (Col 6, lines 23-32).

As per claims 12 and 25, the applicant describes the method of claims 10 and 24, which are met by Linden (see above), with the following limitation which is also met by Linden:

Wherein adjusting the at least one information selection criterion comprises:

- a) determining if the expiration date has occurred (Col 6, lines 23-32; Fig 3B);
- b) adjusting the at least one selection criterion only if the expiration has not occurred (Col 6, lines 23-32; Fig 3B).

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The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 13-14 and 27-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chang, U.S. Patent No. 6,715,082.

As per claims 13-14 and 27-28, the applicant describes the method of claims 10 and 26, which are met by Linden (see above), with the following limitation which is met by Chang:

Wherein obtaining the token associated with a requester comprises reading the token from a card (Col 2, lines 11-41; Col 4, lines 31-33);

Linden describes all the limitations of claims 10 and 26. However, Linden fails to disclose reading the token from a card as his system only takes place in an environment between a client computer and a Web site server.

Chang describes a token verification system similar to Linden's which allows a client to access a private resource if he has the right token with the additional feature that the token is read from a card.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was filed to incorporate the ideas of Chang with Linden and have the feature of reading the token from a card because this feature provides an additional level of security.

Regarding claims 14 and 28, the element of a card reader is present in Chang's system as this is necessary for obtaining the token from the card.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin Schubert whose telephone number is (571) 272-4239. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Caldwell can be reached on (571) 272-3868. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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